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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

As an American citizen, I urge you to reconsider the all too insufficient remedies proposed in the pending settlement with Microsoft. Microsoft is a dangerous monopoly that has stifled true innovation and competition in the software marketplace for years. Its products enjoy no higher endorsement than volume; they are thoughtless mediocrities designed with barely sufficient functionality in order to quickly capture market share and entrap users in a endless cycle of upgrades. These upgrades supposedly fix problems in software that should not have been present at the time of purchase. To ask that the consumer continue to pay for such repairs borders on fraud.

I ask you to reconsider the settlement to ensure that Microsoft is unable to continue its shameful victimization of the software industry.

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#!/usr/bin/env python

(lt, gt, at, dot) = ('<', '>', '@', '.')

print 'John Mignault', 'lt'+jbm'+at'+panix'+dot+'com'+gt

quote = """"I just got skylights put in my place. The people who live above me are furious."""